

Proclamation

Hawai'i's rugged mountains, lush valleys, bountiful waters and productive agricultural lands are all naturally enhanced by the presence of trees. Our urban forests are a crucial link to our mountain watershed forests, and are part of a modern day ahupua'a of forests from the mountain to the sea.

Trees have been and always will be one of our greatest renewable assets, providing flowers, fruit and natural beauty for our communities, improving water quality, conserving energy, preventing flooding, soil erosion and filtering dust and pollutants.

The Hawaiian Electric Company Arbor Day Partnership, whose members include HECO affiliates: Hawai'i Electric Light Company and Maui Electric Company; the Kaulunani Urban Forestry Program of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Forestry and Wildlife; the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service; O'ahu Urban Garden Center; Waimea Valley Audubon Center; Wahiawa Botanical Garden along with neighbor island participants, Kaua'i Landscape Industry Council; Maui Nui Botanical Garden; Ho'oulu Lahui and Bishop Museum's Amy Greenwell Ethnobotanical Garden are sponsoring a tree planting and education campaign – "Right Tree, Right Place" – to encourage the public to enjoy long-term energy savings, as well as environmental and aesthetic benefits by the planting of native Hawaiian trees and shrubs.

The National Arbor Day Foundation is honoring the City and County of Honolulu, (25 years), Maui County, (29 years), Hickam Air Force Base, (8 years) and the County of Hawai'i (first year), for their continued commitment to the "Tree City USA," for their development of comprehensive urban forestry programs and for taking their municipal tree-care responsibilities seriously.

THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, and I, JAMES R. "DUKE" AIONA, JR., Lieutenant Governor, do hereby proclaim November 3, 2006, as

ARBOR DAY

in Hawai'i, and urge all citizens to support the planting, maintenance and preservation of trees as a lasting symbol of the strength and resiliency of our citizens.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twentieth day of October 2006.

Linda Lingle

Governor, State of Hawai'i

James R. "Duke" Ajona, Jr.

Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai'i